35 holdups, two murders committed

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI, Jan 1: Vehicle-lifters had a field day on Friday as they either snatched or stole 27 vehicles in different parts of the city. Besides, eight armed robberies were also committed in the city on Friday.

The vehicles included 14 cars and 13 motorcycles. They were either stolen or snatched. The police could not give details whether they were joy riders or professionals.

A senior police officer said since several new gangs had emerged, it had become difficult to locate them.

ROBBERIES: At least eight armed robberies were committed in the city.

Abdul Majeed reported to the Khawaja Ajmer Nagri police that unidentified men barged into his house and looted him of gold ornaments, cash, a TV, a tape recorder and other valuables.

Unidentified men barged into the factory of Nasir Mehmood in New Karachi and took away two machines.

Shoukat Mohammed Khan was deprived of Rs16,140 by two gunmen in Gulshan-i- Iqbal. In the same police station area, four men sneaked into Asif Iftikhar's house and robbed him of gold ornaments, cash and a car at gunpoint.

Iqbal Shah was looted of Rs19,726 by unidentified gunmen in PIB Colony.

Noorani Shah was relieved of Rs151,500 by unidentified men in Ferozabad police limits.

In the same police limits bandits broke into Tariq Najmi's house and got away with jewellery and cash. Asif was looted of Rs6,700 in the Sharea Faisal police limits.

BODY FOUND: A young unidentified man was found dead with his hands and feet tied with ropes in Manghopir. The victim's throat was also slit. He had been skinned off which indicated that he was subjected to severe torture before he was killed and dumped in Ghazi Goth.

The body of the deceased was shifted to the mortuary for an autopsy. The police hunted the hideouts of the suspects in the city but had no clue to them. The corpse of the victim has, however, been kept in the morgue for identification. The police said the motive for the murder could be ascertained only after the suspects involved in it were apprehended.

SHOT DEAD: Security guard of a local bank was shot dead on Friday in SITE.

Initial reports said Tahir Hussain Sabri, 45, was on his way when two unidentified men stopped him near Lakhani Mill and forced him off the motorcycle at gunpoint. When he resisted, they opened fire at him and drove his motorcycle away. Tahir, hit by a bullet in the chest, died on way to the hospital. The victim, hailing from Faisalabad, had been living with his family in Qaimkhwani Colony. The police said it could not be ascertained immediately whether the motive for the murder was robbery or personal enmity.

WOUNDED: Two people were wounded in shooting in Gulbahar. They were identified as Haroon and Sadiq.